

## Message Text

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FOR NEA - SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F)  
SUBJ: VP TRIP: ANOTHER TOUGH QUESTION THE VP WILL FACE --  
THE SADAT PRECEDENT

REF.: TEL AVIV 8049

HERE IS ONE MORE TOUGH QUESTION AND SUGGESTED ANSWER FOR USE  
IN PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH ISRAELIS:

Q. WHY IS IT THAT VP MONDALE CANNOT GO TO THE WESTERN WALL  
UNDER ISRAELI AUSPICES WHEN PRESIDENT SADAT VISITED AL  
AQSA MOSQUE LAST NOVEMBER?

A. SADAT'S VISIT WAS A PILGRIMAGE BY A DEVOUT MOSLEM  
TO ISLAM'S THIRD HOLIEST SITE, BOTH AS PERSONAL OBEISANCE  
AND IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ISLAMIC  
NATION. HE WORSHIPPED THERE. SADAT'S VISIT UNDER ISRAELI  
AUSPICES HAD A POLITICAL PRICE, WHICH SADAT WAS WILLING  
TO PAY AT THAT HISTORIC AND QUITE SINGULAR MOMENT FOR THE  
SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE -- HIS OWN AND AS SURROGATE OF HIS  
PEOPLE. BY THE WAY, HE MIGHT DO OTHERWISE TODAY.  
THE U.S. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ISRAELI ANNEXATION OF EAST

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JERUSALEM AND AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE WESTERN WALL WOULD  
RUN COUNTER TO LONG-ESTABLISHED U.S. POLICY. LEWIS

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